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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



LOADS

Majority prices for next week's trading were lower in the East and Midwest, but unchanged in the West. Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was seasonally fair at best, instances moderate, with mixed opinions for upcoming first of the month. Buying interest remained limited and usually restricted to regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair, but improved slightly where weekend needs increased. All parts were at least adequate to readily available and heavily discounted to clear hard to move product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

<u>Preliminary report</u> Prices negotated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 31-OCT-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS				
Delivered to Fire	st Receivers							
Chicago	57.00-60.00	43.00-74.25	59.79	27				
New York	60.00-63.00							
Los Angeles	81.00							
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent								
Mississippi	72.00-75.00	47.00-77.00	73.54	90				

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT RANGE PRELIM. WTD. AVG.

953 70.26-74.25 73.58

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

		WTD. AVG.		VOLUME
ITEM	(CENT	S PER POUND)	(0)	00 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENI	DERS	160.00	1,2	251
BREASTS - B/S		130.50	6,2	213
BREASTS - WH	OLE	74.00	1,3	338
THIGH MEAT - E	3/S	125.50	1,0	049
LEG QUARTER	S	45.50	7,8	844
WINGS		85.50	3,0	044

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/ fryers was slow to no better than fair entering the weekend as dealers remained cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear; bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were readily available with scattered discounting noted. Wings were more than sufficient for trade needs.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago area were lower from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment remained mostly weak. Trade interest was limited on moderate to heavy offerings. Below normal weekend demand was generally expressed, along with buyers stating reluctance to pursue regular commitments or less of chicken until the market settles or consumer demand increases. Opinions ran the full range on chances of improved movement for first of month business. Floor stocks were in balance to long. Weights desirable. Parts trade lacked enough buyer interest to allow anything more than generally the limited clearance of items, although some sellers noted increased interest and some sales of deeply discounted times. The market tone was steady to weak on wings, barely steady to weak on all other parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand entering the weekend was limited to fair with hopes that upcoming first of the month business will stimulate interest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient and frequently discounted to help move. In the parts structure, trading was limited. Supplies of all items were at least adequate to plentiful, and even though pricing was attractive, movement was unaffected. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed.

<u>WESTERN</u> The preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Reported trading centered on regular commitments, for next week's delivery; and at mainly unchanged to instances lower prices. Offerings were adequate on lightweight whole body product and heavyweights were ample. Buying activity was seasonally fair. Retailer demand was moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on parts.

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally slow entering the weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate, instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was at best about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate and in the best balance with buyer interests. Other items were readily available and often competitively priced in an effort to stimulate activity.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

FROW DELIMARY	1	
		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		50-77
WEIGHTED AVER	AGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/24/05-10/28/05	(A)
	10/25/04-10/29/04	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/24/05-10/28/05	(A)
	10/25/04-10/29/04	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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ı	POUND	S		WTD	POUNDS					WEEKLY
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	711	87.00-159.00	-	104.04	716	89.00-162.00	-	102.03	3,610	104.25
TENDERLOINS	228	88.00-160.00	93-97	97.83	71	88.00-160.00	-	104.23	1,068	100.48
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	68.00-80.00	71-74	72.37	96	67.00-80.00	68-70	71.71	903	72.00
FRONT HALVES	66	45.00-51.00	-	47.21	80	46.00-50.00	-	48.50	376	48.43
LEGS	208	50.00-69.00	51-52	52.65	91	46.00-67.00	48-49	48.65	691	53.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	495	30.00-45.00	36-37	35.98	588	30.00-43.00	33-36	35.52	2,880	38.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	971	37.00-47.00	40-41	40.36	1,340	34.00-45.00	37-38	37.24	5,363	40.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	78.00-85.00	79-81	80.84	299	72.00-85.00	78-80	79.46	1,575	80.56
WINGS (CUT)	120	92.00-102.00	95-97	97.21	332	90.00-100.00	94-97	95.78	1,377	97.48
DRUMSTICKS	89	39.00-69.00	40-41	41.14	TOO	O FEW TO REF	ORT		319	41.98
THIGHS	62	43.00-69.00	42-44	45.97	TOO	O FEW TO REF	ORT		286	45.58
B/S THIGHS	68	100.00-137.00	-	106.33	TOO	O FEW TO REF	ORT		312	113.30

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCT 27, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR OCT 28, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK. **RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE**

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 37.50 - 48.00 41.60 38.00 - 47.50 42.01 43.30 The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as was light to no better than fair as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced in most instances. Bone-in breast were at least sufficient. Leg quarters were readily available at discounted levels; other dark meat cuts were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Wings were fully adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady to mostly weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

OC1 27	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD			WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AV	G VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	109.26	483,260	105-110	108.58	824,300	109.93	3,147,220
TENDERLOINS	100-105	108.10	150,460	100	106.92	174,170	115.90	874,278
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	73.51	92,800	61-62	70.22	75,560	73.67	385,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	59.13	72,000	61	60.11	81,000	59.71	486,680
LEGS	55-56	61.42	96,200	53-54	57.49	209,680	58.32	859,780
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	43.52	256,400	35-36	41.79	216,200	43.65	1,214,210
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	48.72	58,840	41-42	43.70	154,320	46.85	569,010
THIGHS	49-50	61.49	36,520	47-48	59.10	50,400	60.94	258,720
B/S THIGHS	107-108	109.85	61,960	106-107	115.18	88,320	117.63	400,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	92.24	193,060	83-84	91.46	136,500	89.98	979,018
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIP	PED) 10-12	11.93	40,600	10-12	12.18	13,600	11.58	100,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	49.50	25,240	50-55	47.00	14,821	51.23	78,094
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	71.90	15,720	70-75	71.81	16,400	73.52	85,720

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO, AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ. MA. CT. PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG),* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. ** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED S							JOI JIIIII	,
ESTIMATED	ESTIM.		ACTU		AVG \		ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000))	(1,000)	·	<u>-</u>	(1,000)	
	10/28	10/27	10/26	10/25	10/26	10/25	10/21	10/19
Alabama	4,519	4,049	3,992	4,072	5.41	5.59	4,143	5.39
Arkansas	5,518	5,297	5,415	5,335	5.31	5.37	5,670	5.30
Delmarva	2,275	2,289	2,319	2,325	5.71	5.65	2,250	5.77
KY-LA-TN	2,103	2,281	2,232	2,250	5.11	5.16	2,143	5.24
Mississippi	3,311	3,014	2,768	2,753	5.77	4.98	3,113	5.74
North Carolin	na 2,550	2,348	2,344	2,455	6.70	6.72	2,691	6.74
Texas	2,516	2,525	2,500	2,503	5.33	5.35	2,499	5.25
Total	22,792	21,803	21,570	21,953	5.56	5.61	22,509	5.57
Mon-Fri	110,451(A)					109,331(A)
Saturday	1,842(included i	n total for	date sho	wn)		513	
(A) Weekly c	umulative	e for state	es listed al	oove. Bro	iler-frye	r slaug	hter under	federal in-
spection for 2	28-Oct-05	5 and 29-0	Oct-05 is e	estimated	to be 3	4,099,0	00 head u	p 0.95 per-
cent from a w	veek ago	and up 0.	02 percen	t from a y	ear ago	١.		
(Last week 3	3,777,00	0, last yea	ar 34,091,0	000)				

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 29-Oct-05 is estimated to be 164,704,000 head up 0.56 percent from a week ago, and up 2.60 percent from a year ago. (Last week 163,790,000, last year 160,527,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) P	ROCESSED
POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

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SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS RANGE** F

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,

classified by live wt., week ending 15-Oct-05 (Preliminary),
(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning

•	Food service	•	•				
	4.20 Lbs. & down	1	4.21-5.25 Lbs.	5.2	6 Lbs.	& U	0
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	4.20 Lbs. & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs.	5.26 Lbs. & L
-	TH	OUSANDS	
Head	24,091	15,766	60,960
Avg Weight	3.87	4.65	6.37
% of total /1	24%	16%	60%
Comparisons			
Last week	24,713	19,658	57,628
Avg Weight	3.77	4.68	6.39
% of total /1	24%	19%	56%
Same week, yr a	ago /2 25,113	23,483	50,724
Avg Weight	3.77	4.74	6.64
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%
To date/2005	1,112,694	905,838	2,045,529
To date/2004	1,064,580	876,801	1,882,714

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

<u>LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION</u> (Preliminary)

W/E 22-Oct-200	5 YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
		THOU	SANDS-		
Head	163,790	1,060	1,515	2,575	532
Avg Wt	5.44	3.24	8.05	6.07	6.75
Last week	164,748	1,322	1,501	2,823	498
Same wk yr ago	162,135	1,462	1,501	2,963	469
Avg Wt	5.41	3.37	8.08	5.76	6.47
To-date/2005	6,778,216	60,904	59,610	120,514	20,874
To-date/2004	6,592,318	57,341	57,025	114,366	19,624

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.8 million head, or 5.1 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

*ACTUAL

TITLIT AVAILABILITY COM ANIOON					
		MILLION HEAD	MILLION H	HEAD	
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABL	E PCT	AVG WT
September	17	171.3	164.8	104%	5.33
	24	167.4	165.7	101%	5.30
October	1	164.7	165.1	100%	5.35
	8	168.6	164.3	103%	5.42
	15	166.7	161.8	103%	5.50
	22	165.8	160.7	103%	5.44
Year to date		6860.4	6914.3	99%	
October	29		162.2		
November	5		161.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

<u>Under Federal Inspection</u>					
THOUSANDS					
W/E	10/29/05	10/22/05	<u>% CHG</u>	10/30/04	<u>% CHG</u>
Broilers	164,704	163,790*	+0.56	160,527*	+2.60
Cattle	635	621	+02	644*	-01
Hogs	2,158	2,192	-02	2,070*	+04

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 24-OCT-2005 **DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	FROZEN 149-153	FRESH 154-158
MIDWEST	132-140	133-141

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69.00-79.50	76.00-78.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.50	78.00-82.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 63.36-72.90 14 OZ. 69.84-81.00 16 OZ. 74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

MOSTLY

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

<u>CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS</u> Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to usually good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 24-OCT-2005

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<u>GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -</u> DATE OF AUCTION: 10-25-05 **AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY**

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RAN	<u>GE</u>
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 -	1.30
Pekin Ducks	3.00 -	3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.25 -	.35
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 -	.70
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 -	1.30
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 -	.60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.75 -	.95
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LSBS	.70 -	.80
Guinea Fowl	1.40 -	1.50ea.
Banty Roosters	.50 -	1.00ea.
Banty Hens	.35 -	.75ea.
Leghorn Hens	.10 -	.30ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.75 -	.80ea.
Pigeons	3.00 -	3.50ea.
White Pigeons	3.50 -	3.75ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.95 -	1.20
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.90 -	1.00
Bunnies	1.00 -	3.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.02 -	7.00ea.
Doves	3.00 -	3.25ea.
Total Coops So	ld 384	

⁽A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

⁽B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing.May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; fair to moderate at best for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were more than sufficent for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

HEAVY CANNER HENS LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS) 20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS) 21-32 MAJORITY 26-27 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST 5-13 8-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant. **MAJORITY**

RANGE TOO FEW TO REPORT REMOVAL COST

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate this week into traditional processors with offerings into rendering operations inadequate to tight. Offerings were tight to short for next week's deliveries. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST 0-116-9

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings light.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-OCT-05

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

> **RANGE** MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS, SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally no better than fair for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

> **MAJORITY** RANGE

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT **FOB PLANT** TOO FEW TO REPORT

NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2005.

CAPONS:

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons were generally adequate for current needs. Bookings for the upcoming Thankgiving holiday are in progress. First deliveries have begun. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Ouality was noted as good.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS. 1.60-1.80 MOSTLY 1.60-1.65

GFFSF:

Fax

Prices were slightly lower when compared to last year. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were adequate to close balance. Processing has already started and early deliveries are being made. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Quality and condition of the geese were noted as very good.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS: 8-16 LBS. 2.30-2.40 MOSTLY 2.30-2.35

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